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Comments:

I strongly oppose a section of this revision that would allow public agencies the option of printing electronic records to a paper form. A CD-ROMM costs a few dollars. An e-mailed database is free. Current statutes allow for agencies to recoup copy costs, so agencies could thwart a media outlet request by charging thousands of dollars for paper. An example would be the Department of Corrections felony criminal database. The cost for an electronic form is less than one hundred dollars. Paper cost for a million records?? This is going to be a problem. As the lead investigative reporter for KIRO-TV, I constantly struggle with state & county agencies to get clearly public records. I fear the "paper option" will give them one more reason to delay or withhold information. Thank you for your time and consideration.